

Dig Safe. Dig Smart. Know Missouri's Ground Rules!

MAKE THE CALL

Many utility company facilities, including natural gas pipelines, are located underground and out of site. If you plan to dig in your own yard or excavate for a commercial project, Missouri law requires that you notify Missouri One Call System at **1-800-DIG-RITE (344-7483)**. However, not all utilities are members of Missouri One Call, so you will also need to contact those non-members directly before you dig.



WAIT THE REQUIRED AMOUNT OF TIME

Missouri law requires that any person making or beginning any excavation notify all underground facility owners that may be affected by the excavation, at least 2 but not more than 10 working days in advance, except in case of an emergency. After you make the call, facility owners will determine if the planned dig is near any underground facilities. If needed, they will survey and mark the area where utility lines are located. **Do not begin digging until all of the utilities in the area have been located and marked.**

RESPECT THE MARKS

After it is determined that markings are required, the facility owner will dispatch a field locator who will locate and mark the excavation site with paint, stakes, or flags. Utilities mark their facilities according to specific guidelines and color codes. **Respect the markings when you dig.**

DIG SAFELY

Digging carelessly can cause disruption of vital utility services and environmental damage, or even loss of life. **Become a partner in damage prevention and DIG SAFELY.**

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